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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

AMEMBASSY ROME

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SIAD TO VISIT EUROPEAN CAPITALS IN MID-JUNE

1. PRESIDENT SIAD WILL DEFINITELY BE RECEIVED IN ROME AND PROBABLY IN BON AS WELL DURING MID JUNE ACCORDING TO THE COUNSELORS OF THE ITALIAN AND WEST GERMAN MISSIONS. BOTH MEN INDEPENDENTLY APPROACHED THE CHANGE ON MAY 29 TO INQUIRE WHETHER THERE WAS ANY TRUTH IN THE REPORT EACH SAID HE HAD FROM SOMALI SOURCES THAT PRESIDENT SIAD WOULD PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES AT THE END OF JUNE. THE CHARGE RESPONDED THAT THIS EMBASSY HAD NO INFORMATION ON SUCH A VISIT. THE ITALIAN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION WAS BEING CLOSELY HELD, THE ITALIAN GOVT HAD TOLD THE SOMALIS PRESIDENT SIAD WOULD BE WELCOME IN ROME IN MID JUNE. ACCORDING TO THE ITALIAN, A PRECISE DATE HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE DATES SIAD IS TO SPEND IN PARIS. THE FRENCH HERE HAVE BEEN TIGHT-LIPPED ON THAT VISIT, ALTHOUGH ADMITTING IT HAS CONFIDENTIAL

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BEEN AGREED IN PRINCIPAL.

2. THE WEST GERMANS HERE SEEM A LITTLE LESS DELIGHTED WITH THE PROSPECTS OF A VISIT, BUT ENTIRELY PREPARED TO ACCEPT IF THE SOMALIS FORCE THE ISSUE. ACCORDING TO THE WEST GERMAN COUNSELOR, AHMED SULEIMAN, THE CHIEF OF THE SOMALI INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICE IS NOW IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC,

OBSTENSIBLY ON A MEDICAL VISIT, BUT ACTUALLY PAYING CALLS ON FEDREP LEADERS IN BONN, AND HIS INTERLIGENCE COUNTERPARTS IN MUNICH. PLANNING COMMISSION CHIEF AHMED HABIB IS ALSO IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC, AND HAS REMAINED THERE SOMEWHAT BEYOND THE TIME OF HIS SCHEDULED RETURN TO MOGADISCIO. THE COUNSELOR COULD NOT EXPLAIN WHY.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT SIAD PLANS TO CARRY THE GSDR CASE PERSONALLY TO WESTERN EUROPEAN LEADERS THIS MONTH. WE BELIEVE, AS DO OUR ITALIAN AND WEST GERMAN FRIENDS, THAT HE WILL BE SEEKING ARMS SUPPLY RELATIONSHIPS AS WELL AS INCREASED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. THE GERMSNS HERE DO NOT BELIEVE HE WILL BE VERY SUCCESSFUL IN BONN. THE ITALIANS BELIEVE ROME MAY BE A BIT MORE FORTHCOMING, BUT MUCH WILL DEPEND UPON A SOURCE OF FINANCING.

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